



# NORTH FORK RANCHERIA OF MONO INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA

## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

### Meeting Minutes

#### I. Call to Order

**Tribal Chairperson Elaine Fink**, called to order the special meeting of the North Fork Rancheria at 9:02 a.m. on July 25, 2019 in North Fork, CA.

#### II. Moment of Silent Prayer

A moment of Silent Prayer was observed.

#### III. Roll Call

Tribal Secretary, Katrina Guitierrez conducted a roll call. The following Council members were present: Elaine Fink, Katrina Guitierrez, and Maryann McGovran. Jacquie Van Huss (via phone) Fred Beihn was absent (travel).

#### Staff present:

Gary Nicholes – ACAO

Paul Irwin – IHA Director

#### IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda

*Treasurer McGovran motioned to approve the agenda with the following additions: VII- d – emergency assistance; VIII – 1 – personnel; and IX- 1- other. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 3/0/0*

#### V. Approval of previous meeting minutes

*The special meeting minutes of June 07, 2019 were tabled until completed.*

*Treasurer McGovran motioned to approve the special meeting minutes of June 17, 2019 with corrections. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 3/0/0*

#### VI. New Business

Council Member Van Huss via phone @ 9:30 a.m.

Council Member Van Huss off the phone @ 9:57 a.m.

##### 1. Paul Irwin – IHA Director

##### a. IHBG Competitive Funding Resolution

*Treasurer McGovran motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-55 A Resolution authorizing the North Fork Rancheria Indian Housing Authority to submit an application for Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competitive Grant Program funding from the U.S.*

*Department of Housing and Urban Development. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 4/0/0*

b. 2018 ICDBG MOA

Mr. Irwin requested for IHA to be allocated \$45,375.00 (7.5% of \$605,000.00) for direct administrative costs related to general management and oversight instead of 5% that was given in previous years.

*Treasurer McGovran motioned to approve the Memorandum of Agreement Between North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California and North Fork Rancheria Indian Housing Authority. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 4/0/0*

c. 2018 ICDBG EA Procurement

Mr. Irwin reported that \$9,875.00 will be funded to AES for the road survey at the mill site.

d. BIA TTP: Sierra Mono Museum Paving addendum

Mr. Irwin requested additional services for fine grading and to seal the top of the pavement in the amount of \$7,870.00, which increases the total amount to \$68,980.00.

*Treasurer McGovran motioned to approve the Cal Paving amendment #1. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 4/0/0*

*Treasurer McGovran motioned to go into executive session #1 @ 9:57 a.m. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 3/0/0*

A personnel issue was discussed.

Council Member Van Huss via phone @ 10:28 a.m.

*Treasurer McGovran motioned to come out @ 10:44 a.m. Council Member Van Huss seconded. Mc 4/0/0*

## **VII. Unfinished Business**

1. Gary Nicholes – ACAO

a. Tribal Court Assessment Conference Call – August 6, 2019 -1:00 p.m.

b. CCDF – Public Hearing  
August 19, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

c. Tribal Citizen Medical Travel Request

By consensus, Tribal Council agreed to approve the transport to San Francisco and approved the transportation driver a hotel stay overnight.

d. Emergency Assistance

Treasurer McGovran suggested to have a local citizen volunteer for help. By consensus, Tribal Council approved to send out a flyer to the local areas asking for volunteers to help assist in an emergency.

e. Phone Access list

Treasurer McGovran reported that a citizen/employee requested the internal list of all employee's phone numbers. After discussion, Tribal Council denied the request. It was further stated that the citizen can call the employees themselves and get their numbers if they choose to give it.

## 2. Secretary Guitierrez

Chairperson Fink and Treasurer McGovran voluntarily recused themselves from discussion and voting.

*Council Member Van Huss motioned to go into executive session # 2 @ 10:49 a.m.  
Treasurer McGovran seconded. Mc 4/0/0*

### a. STC Appointment

*Council Member Van Huss motioned to appoint Lou Beihn to the Board of Directors for the duration of three -year term. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 2/0/0*

*Council Member Van Huss motioned to appoint Rodney Lewis to the board of Directors for the duration of three-year term. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 2/0/0*

Council Member Van Huss motioned to appoint Brandon Thurlow for the alternate Director in the event of the absence of one of the other directors. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 2/0/0

Council Member Van Huss requested to find out that if Brandon can attend a meeting in the absence of one of the appointed Board members.

*Treasurer McGovran motioned to come out executive session # 2 @ 11:01 a.m.  
Council Member Van Huss seconded. Mc 4/0/0*

Council Member Van Huss off the phone @ 11:07 a.m.

### b. EPD Water Statute

*Treasurer McGovran motioned to approve the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians Water Pollutant Statute. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 3/0/0*

## 3. Chairperson Fink

### a. Tribal Council By-laws

Section 8.02 Officer Election Procedures (a).

Chairperson Fink suggested to put in a disclaimer about a council member having to be recused and how can Council force him/herself to leave the if council deemed it necessary. After further discussion, it already states that in the By-laws; Article 6 Section 6.01 (d) (5).

*Treasurer McGovran motioned to approve the By-laws the redline version amending page 12; reverting back to the original family member conflict as recommended by attorney and to amend page 19 header- delete "open". Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 3/0/0*

Chairperson Fink will send this version to Attorney Jenny Kim for the final version and for signatures.

**VIII. Executive Session**

**1. Personnel**

This item was taken care of in executive session #1.

**IX. Mail / Travel**

**1. Other**

Cal-Fire – Native American (Fire meeting) – August 14, 2019 – Treasurer McGovran will attend as a day trip. By consensus, Tribal Council approved.

CATAC – 8/7-8/8 - Chairperson Fink will attend and stay overnight and Treasurer McGovran will attend as a day trip. By consensus, Tribal Council approved.

8/3 – Blue Barn

8/15 – Lifetime Achievement Awards

**X. Next Meeting – August 7, 2019**

**XI. Adjournment**

*Secretary Guitierrez motioned to adjourn @ 12:39 p.m. Treasurer McGovran seconded. Mc 3/0/0*

Minutes submitted by: **Katrina Guitierrez** – 08/06/19 

**COUNCIL APPROVAL**

At a meeting of the Tribal Council of the North Fork Rancheria, call and convened on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of **August, 2019**, at which a legal quorum was present, these minutes were approved as presented by a vote of **3 For 0 Against 1 Abstaining**.

DATED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of **August, 2019**.

  
Katrina Guitierrez, Tribal Secretary

  
Fred L. Belhn, Vice-Chairperson